AALL 2020 REIMAGINED / UNMASKING OUR POTENTIAL

All week long, more than 1,200 legal information professionals from across the country and across the globe have gathered online for AALL's first Virtual Conference to learn from peers and partners in the legal information field. While today is the last day of livestream sessions and virtual exhibit hall exploration, a lot more learning awaits! Starting Monday, all conference registrants will have access to more than 20 additional sessions—plus any livestream sessions they may have missed this week. Couldn't join us this week? You can still register to get access to more than 40 educational sessions. Next week, presenters of some of our prerecorded sessions will also be available for live Q&A chats. #AALL20

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I'm missing New Orleans and the food and the music, but I'm not missing the AALL Annual Meeting. Thanks @aallnet for making it virtual and real. #AALL20
Even though this year's conference hasn't wrapped up yet, we're already looking ahead to AALL 2021 in Cleveland. You may book your accommodations now and rest easy, knowing that you can make adjustments to your reservation later, penalty-free. It's not too soon to start thinking about the programs you’d like to see next year either. Check out the "must-have" program topic suggestions already percolating, and add your own as well. Stay tuned for the Call for Proposals at the end of the summer, and mark your calendars to join us July 17-20, 2021 in Cleveland.

2020 VIRTUAL BUSINESS MEETING & MEMBERS OPEN FORUM

The AALL Business Meeting & Members Open Forum will be held virtually tomorrow (Friday, July 17) from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. CDT. This is open to all AALL members, whether or not you register for the Virtual Conference. Please make sure you review the agenda, reports, and resolutions before the meeting. If you registered for the AALL Virtual Conference, you will be automatically registered for the Business Meeting. If you are not a Conference registrant, please register below to attend the Business Meeting.

During the Members Open Forum, AALL Executive Board officers will be available to respond to member questions regarding AALL, as well as its programs and activities. AALL member Shira Megerman, senior legal information librarian at Boston University, will serve as moderator of the Forum. In addition to asking questions via chat during the live event, members may also submit questions in advance of the meeting to ambusmtg@aall.org. The passing of the gavel will also take place during the Business Meeting.

REGISTER NOW

AALL 2020 VIRTUAL CONFERENCE IN THE NEWS

AALL's Virtual Conference is still going strong, but the Association has already received a lot of positive media coverage. Here are a couple highlights:

- The American Association of Law Libraries to Host 1st Virtual Conference July 13th-17th: Register Now (Dewey B Strategic)
- As AALL Convenes, A Look At The Increasingly Essential Role Of The Law Librarian (LawSites Blog)
- Companies May Be Refreshing 'Bring Your Own Device' Policies During COVID-19 (Law.com)

MARIAN GOULD GALLAGHER DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD
Next Monday, July 20 is your opportunity to honor your colleagues for their outstanding contributions to law librarianship with a very special presentation of the Marian Gould Gallagher Distinguished Service Award. This presentation will be moderated by AALL Executive Board Treasurer, Cornell H. Winston. To participate, please register for the presentation separately.

- Monday, July 20
- 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. CDT
- Open to all members

 REGISTER NOW

AALL thanks LexisNexis for its generous support of this event.

AALL AWARDS PRESENTATION
CELEBRATE YOUR COLLEAGUES

Come celebrate your colleagues for their contributions to law librarianship and the legal information profession by attending the AALL Awards presentation, moderated by Emily R. Florio, incoming AALL President (2020-2021). To participate, please register for this presentation separately.

- Monday, July 27
- 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. CDT
- Open to all members

 REGISTER NOW

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2020 EXECUTIVE BOARD CANDIDATES' BIOGRAPHIES & STATEMENTS NOW ONLINE

Online voting for the next AALL vice president/president-elect and Executive Board members opens October 1 and runs through October 31. The AALL members elected to the Board will represent you and your interests as law librarians. It's important to make an educated decision, and we encourage members to learn more about the candidates before voting opens by visiting the biographies and statements page on AALLNET.

UPCOMING COFFEE CHAT / REGISTER NOW

A CHAT WITH THE 2020 AALL EXECUTIVE BOARD CANDIDATES

- Wednesday, July 29, 2020 / 3:00 p.m. (CDT)
- Register by Tuesday, July 28, 2020
- Space is limited

Come "Meet the Candidates" during an informal virtual coffee chat on Wednesday, July 29, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Members can chat with candidates running for the AALL Executive Board. The chat will be co-moderated by Mary Jenkins, incoming AALL Executive Board Secretary and Luis Acosta, outgoing AALL Executive Board Secretary.

HAVE AN IDEA FOR A COFFEE CHAT?

AALL Coffee Chats allow members to chat about the most pressing issues of the day. Do you have an idea, or want to have an informal conversation on a particular legal information/library
VIRTUAL COMPETITIVE INTELLIGENCE STRATEGIES & ANALYSIS / REGISTER NOW

- Dates: September 9-30, 2020
- Register by August 28, 2020
- Cost: $395 - members / $589 - nonmembers

AALL's four-week Competitive Intelligence Strategies & Analysis virtual course is designed to build capabilities in performing critical competitive intelligence (CI) work. Learn skills essential to growing a CI function, examine, practice, and discuss techniques with other professionals, and network with peers from various settings.

Offered by the American Association of Law Libraries in partnership with:

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RENEW YOUR 2020-2021 AALL MEMBERSHIP TODAY

Renew your 2020-2021 AALL membership today—don’t miss out on the exclusive benefits that being an AALL member provides. AALL is offering a 90-day grace period before your member benefits cease. The grace period runs from June 1, 2020 through September 1, 2020. Membership dues are $270 and include access to outstanding educational content, programs to grow professionally, carefully curated publications, a vast network of professional colleagues, and more—a total value worth more than $2,120.

In addition, AALL offers a discounted membership rate for members who are unemployed (verification required). If your employment situation has changed and you wish to receive this discount, please contact member services.

To renew your membership log in to your AALLNET account.
ANTI-RACISM, DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION GUIDE

AALL has created a guide that includes AALL’s statements and resources as well as information from law libraries, coverage concerning diversity in the legal information profession, articles for organizations, and tools for personal awareness, growth, and action. Updates are ongoing.

UPCOMING WEBINARS / REGISTER NOW

PRACTICAL STRATEGIES FOR MANAGING CHALLENGING BEHAVIORS IN THE LIBRARY

- Thursday, July 23, 2020 / 11:00 a.m. (CDT)
- Register by Monday, July 20, 2020
- Members - Free / Nonmembers - $60

For some patrons, a visit to a law library can be difficult. This can lead to behaviors that are challenging for staff. In this session, learners will develop strategies for preventing and de-escalating conflict, including use of body language, wording considerations, and equitably enforcing guidelines. Learn strategies for working on solutions, both for teams and solo librarians, and explore how to prepare for dealing with challenging situations while still taking care of yourself. This webinar will also provide tips for implementing these strategies while teleworking. Librarians who work directly with the public—especially in smaller institutions, and administrators at courts, academic institutions, law firms, and other organizations are encouraged to attend.

MAXIMIZE YOUR EFFICIENCY WITH WESTLAW EDGE (THOMSON REUTERS PARTNER WEBINAR)

- Tuesday, August 11, 2020 / 11:00 a.m. (CDT)
- Register by Tuesday, August 7, 2020
- Members - Free / Nonmembers - $60

While life as we know it has changed drastically since AALL 2019, some things are still the same. Westlaw Edge continues to invest in providing enhancements that help legal researchers confidently complete work faster and even gain insight into what’s coming down the pipeline. Get to know the latest features available on Westlaw Edge. Spoiler alert: there are a lot!

AALL CONSULTING SERVICES IS LOOKING FOR EXPERTS IN DIVERSITY, INCLUSION, AND EQUITY

AALL encourages experts in diversity, inclusion, and equity to apply for this new pilot project. The goal of this initiative is to connect organizations with experienced law librarians to solve strategic and leadership challenges. Other areas of focus include data analysis and predictive analytics strategy, law library assessment and guidance, legal research strategy, and strategic planning,
benchmarking, and environmental scanning.

Members with 10 years or more of professional experience are encouraged to apply. Previous consulting experience is not required. Clients in need of these services are welcome to enroll. Please contact Megan Mall, director of content strategy, with questions.

RECOGNIZING TOP CONTRIBUTORS

Each month, AALL will be highlighting Top Contributors on My Communities. These active members help keep our community vibrant by earning over 500 points through their posts and connections. Points are earned by posting messages, responding to discussions, and by making connections with other members. The contributions these members have made to the community are outstanding. Below are our Top Contributors from June.

- Sarah Lin
- June Liebert
- Christopher Thomas
- Zanada Joyner

Thank you for all that you do—we appreciate your contribution.

NEW VOICES

This month, Ana Delgado discusses an important law librarian initiative called Monitoring the Legal Response to COVID-19 in Latin America and the Caribbean.

ABOUT NEW VOICES

AALL's New Voices is seeking your insights! Whether you recently joined AALL or are a longtime member aiming to become more involved in the Association, AALL is looking for your thoughts on any aspect of law librarianship. This is a one-time commitment.

Possible topics include: diversity, inclusion and equity, recommending a favorite resource, go-to stressbusters, leadership, and starting a new role. Submissions should be about 100-600 words. Accepted posts will appear on the Members Open Forum, in the monthly eNewsletter, and on AALL’s social media feeds (Twitter, Facebook, and LinkedIn).

If you're interested in being involved in the next round, please share your post with Megan Mall, director of content strategy, with the subject line "New Voices Project" by 5:00 p.m. CDT on August 12, 2020.

LEGAL INFORMATION UPDATES

KNOWITAALL HIGHLIGHTS

MEMBER POSTS

Members shared a wide variety of resources and insights, including:

- Zanada Joyner and Matthew Neely continued expanding the North Carolina Central University Civil Rights LibGuide
- Dan Brackmann, Terrye Conroy, Aaron Glenn, Rebekah Maxwell, and Eve Ross of the University of South Carolina created a legal research webinar series.
- Sherry Xin Chen of Boston College wrote about an important Bluebook update regarding foreign jurisdictions.
• Corporate Crime Reports featured the Corporate Prosecution Registry, created by Jon Ashley and other librarians at the University of Virginia.
• Clare Gaynor Willis of Northwestern explained multi-factor authentication and the Duo Mobile app.
• Jean O’Grady discussed the launch of Lexis+ with Jeff Pfeifer, LexisNexis’s chief product officer.
• David Whelan investigated country-based content access restrictions.
• Andrew Weber of the Law Library of Congress summarized the 2020 changes to date on Congress.gov.
• Texas’s Harris County Law Library examined the legal issues surrounding vaccines.

OTHER LEGAL INFORMATION UPDATES

Michigan debuted MI-Resolve, which can be used by all Michigan residents to resolve small claim and tenant/landlord disputes quickly and at no cost. Boston University studied the impact of salary history bans on narrowing the race- and gender-based wage gap. The NALP Foundation and the Center for Women published a report called "Women of Color: A Study of Law School Experiences." The ABA reported that the majority of female lawyers were considering leaving the law. Reuters detailed the legal research resources they used to identify judicial misconduct.


ABOUT KNOWITALL

KnowItAALL is a member benefit sent Monday through Friday. Subscriptions are available for nonmember individuals and institutions. Please email Megan Mall, director of content strategy, with recommendations or if you need assistance with delivery issues.

COMMUNITY CORNER

• The Black Caucus of the American Association of Law Libraries (BCAALL) Annual Business Meeting will take place virtually on Monday, July 20 at 5:00 p.m. CDT. Following the meeting, BCAALL will commemorate 15 years as a Caucus with a toast to honor its history and founding members.

• The Research Instruction & Patron Services Special Interest Section (RIPS-SIS) executive board created a wonderful year-in-review video to celebrate their accomplishments. The video can be found on RIPS’s Twitter and Facebook pages.

AALL seeks more news and announcements from chapters and special interests sections that may be of interest to all members. Please send your news to Heather Haemker, AALL director of marketing & Communications.

AALLNET MONTHLY MEMBER PROFILE

In this month's member profile, Jason LeMay, Law Librarian for Special Collections & Metadata at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia, discusses how using My Communities and attending the AALL Annual Meeting can help you contribute to the Association and make friends.
MEMORIAL

Ben Wilson Pride served as assistant law librarian at the Harris County Law Library in Houston, Texas for more than 19 years. Pride was known for his quiet, easy-going, and gentle demeanor and for his dedication to serving the patrons of the Harris County Law Library. He had a long career as a librarian for several Houston law firms, principally Vinson and Elkins. In 2001 he accepted a position with the Harris County Law Library, where he worked until the time of his death. During his 19 years at the Harris County Law Library, he helped thousands of people access the justice system. Whether an attorney or a self-represented litigant, each and every patron who Pride helped found a friendly smile, a listening ear, and a public servant ready to provide support and encouragement. He worked as part of the team that produced the Law Library's Pro Se Litigant Handbook, which helps economically-disadvantaged Houstonians access legal aid services. The book won the 2019 AALL Joseph L. Andrews Legal Literature Award. Pride passed away June 26, 2020 of an apparent homicide.

The AALL eNewsletter lists brief announcements of members’ deaths. Traditional memorials should be submitted to Tom Gaylord, Law Library Journal editor.